

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on August 26, 2025

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Resolution on Integrity in the Financing of our Presidential Primary Elections

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party believes that our elections belong to the American people, not the ultra-wealthy and big corporations; and

WHEREAS, Democrats believe that the surge of unlimited corporate money and undisclosed campaign donations - "dark money" - in recent years undercuts the integrity and transparency of our elections by allowing special interests to exert enormous influence on our elections; and

WHEREAS, since the disastrous Supreme Court decision in *Citizens United*, the Democratic Party has been united in its belief that unlimited corporate money and large, undisclosed donations in our elections present a serious and persistent threat to our democracy; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Democratic Party Platform states, "too much money flows in the shadows to influence our elections. Advocacy groups can run ads on issues attacking or supporting a candidate right until Election Day without disclosing who's paying for that ad. Too often, powerful special interests use front groups to run these ads to win at any cost. Even foreign entities that aren't allowed to contribute to political campaigns use dark money loopholes to try to influence our elections;" and

WHEREAS, the only way to solve for this problem in the long term is through Congressional action, including a constitutional amendment to overturn *Citizens United* and its progeny, and

WHEREAS, Republicans in the White House and on Capitol Hill have expressed no interest in restoring integrity to our electoral process, and have repeatedly filibustered legislation that would have required disclosure for large donations in our elections; and

WHEREAS, given this history, Congressional action on this issue will require Democratic majorities and Democratic control of the White House; and

WHEREAS, as Democrats fight to win back the branches of government, the DNC must take immediate steps to demonstrate our Party's commitment to this issue and show that we will "walk the walk" at every opportunity; and